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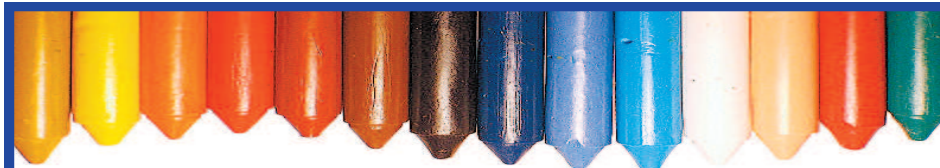
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Why did pet chimp attack?

Associated Press

STAMFORD, Conn. Travis the chimpanzee, a veteran of TV commercials, was the constant companion of a lonely Connecticut widow who fed him steak, lobster and ice cream. He could eat at the table, drink wine from a stemmed glass, use the toilet, and dress and bathe himself.

He brushed his teeth with a Water Pik, logged on to a computer to look at photos and channel-surfed TV with the remote control.

But on Monday, the wild animal in him came out with a vengeance. The 200-pound animal viciously mauled a friend of his owner before being shot to death by police.

Investigators are trying to figure out why—whether it was a bout of Lyme disease, a reaction to drugs or a case of instinct taking over.

Travis attacked 55-year-old Charla Nash as Sandra Herold frantically stabbed her beloved pet with a butcher knife and pounded him with a shovel. Nash was in critical condition Tuesday with “life-changing, if not life-threatening,” injuries to her face and hands, officials said.

Police said they are looking into the possibility of criminal charges. A pet owner can be held criminally responsible if he or she knew or should have known that an animal was a danger to others. Police said that Travis was agitated earlier and that Herold had given him the anti-anxiety drug Xanax in some tea. Police said the drug had not been prescribed for the 14-year-old chimp.

Is that cookbook making you fat?

Eating at home can save you some cash, but beware the calorie cost.

Though restaurants often take the blame for portion distortion—the trend of serving up ever larger helpings—cookbook recipes have done some Supersizing of their own, a study published this week in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* found.

The study, which looked at how classic recipes have changed during the past 70 years, found a nearly 40 percent increase in calories per serving for nearly every recipe reviewed, about an extra 77 calories.

The study identified the trend in numerous cookbooks, but focused on American kitchen icon “Joy of Cooking.” A change of even 10 percent can affect weight, says Cornell University marketing professor Brian Wansink, who directed the study.

His solution? “Put half of it away as soon as it’s cooked.” **AP**



With Vice President Joe Biden at his side, President Obama signs the \$787 billion stimulus bill Tuesday in Denver. **AP PHOTO**



Stimulus—activate!

Massive bill goes into effect; Obama readies foreclosure plan

Associated Press

DENVER Racing to reverse the country’s economic spiral, President Obama signed a mammoth stimulus package into law Tuesday and readied a \$50 billion rescue plan for Wednesday’s announcement to help legions of homeowners who are facing foreclosure.

Meanwhile, General Motors and Chrysler asked the government for an additional \$14 billion in aid, a dramatic acknowledgment that conditions in the auto industry have grown significantly worse in just two months.

And, GM presented a survival plan that also calls for cutting a total of 47,000 jobs globally and closing give more U.S. factories.

Anything but reassured, Wall Street dove ever lower. The Dow Jones industrials fell 297.81 points—or 3.79 percent—closing less than a point above their lowest level in five and a half years.

Obama focused on the \$787 billion stimulus plan, an ambitious package of federal spending and tax cuts designed to revive the economy and save millions of jobs. Most wage-earners will soon see the

DOLLAR TRACKER?

Obama promised taxpayers they could track each of the billions and billions of dollars in spending, announcing the Web site **recovery.gov**.



first paycheck evidence of tax breaks that will total \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples.

The stimulus package was a huge victory for Obama less than one month into his presidency.

But he struck a sober tone and lowered expectations for an immediate turnaround in the severe recession that is well into its second year.

“None of this will be easy,” he said. “The road to recovery will not be straight. We

will make progress, and there may be some slippage along the way.”

Underscoring energy-related investments in the new law, Obama and Vice President Joe Biden flew separately to Denver where the president signed it at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science before roughly 250 people including alternative energy business leaders. Earlier, the pair examined solar panels on the museum’s roof.

On Wednesday, Obama will outline another big piece of his recovery effort—a \$50 billion plan to help stem foreclosures—in Arizona, one of the states hardest hit by the mortgage defaults that are at the center of the nation’s economic woes.

Obama is expected to detail how the administration plans to prod the mortgage industry to do more in modifying the terms of home loans so borrowers have lower monthly payments.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs, asked by reporters, would not rule out another stimulus in the future, though he said a sequel was not in the works “at this point.”

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THE GREAT DEBATE

The setup: Today's cover story looks at the origins of Chicago's famed deep-dish pizza.

Which pizza reigns supreme? Let's see



**Thin
is in**

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Where I'm from, pizza is flat and you fold it. You never eat it with a knife and fork.

But fuggedabout it, ha? This isn't a debate about New York vs. Chicago—it's thin vs. deep, and despite my love of the pounds of cheese that come standard in every deep-dish "slice," my loyalties lie with thin crust.

Y'all do it backward. The sauce isn't supposed to be on top. I want to see the ooey-goey cheese. It's supposed to burn my chin. It's all part of the experience.

When I head east, there's actually a pizza shop in Pittsburgh that I never miss because the pizza is so amazing. Here, pizza doesn't usually rise to the top of the list. I have to be in just the right mood. Buttery crust is great, but it's too filling. Too much.

I'll happily eat deep dish, but put the two varieties down in front of me and I'll choose thin every time. And if you see me on the street, stop and say hi. I'm the guy with the burned cheese mark on my face.

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**Deep: Da
Chicago
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Deep-dish pizza was invented in Chicago for Chicago. If you don't like it, get the hell out.

There simply is no debate between thin crust and deep dish in this town. I ... We are deep-dish people.

In the depths of winter, there is no better meal to warm you up than the pounds of oozing cheese, thick red sauce, the buttery crust of a Chicago-style deep-dish pizza.

When ordering pizza in Chicago you don't disrespect the pizza gods by ordering thin crust.

You don't hear about people going to Pittsburgh or anywhere for flat pizza. But hundreds of thousands of people from all over the country flock to Chicago every year in search for the best "Chicago-style" pizza (that's deep dish for all you thin-crust folks).

If home is where the heart is, my heart is in Chicago enjoying some Chicago-style pizza.

JOIN THE DEBATE

Deep dish or thin crust? Which side are you on? You, too, can be a RedEye columnist. E-mail us at **ritaredeye@tribune.com** or join the ongoing discussion at **twitter.com/redeychicago**



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@sarah1935

Chicago's pizza. All meat! And onions. And green peppers. And must be served at 4 a.m.!

@WilliamPHuff

Giordano's stuffed with pepperoni and spinach. Great fresh and not bad leftovers. I now know what I'm having for dinner (and lunch tomorrow).

@spicyasian

Lou Malnati's sausage and mushroom. Why? Because it's the best.

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I love Gino's East because of the cornmeal in the crust, the patty sausage and that their sauce is neither too bitter or sweet.

@eileenski49

Sausage/onion/mushroom ... deep dish crust to die for ... Pequods.

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My favorite deep dish pizza is Chicago Pizza and Oven Grinder. BY FAR!

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Art of Pizza: Beloved among locals, unknown to tourists.

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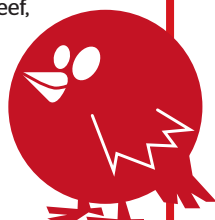
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BY SCOTT KLEINBERG



WHO INVENTED DEEP DISH?

Search to find the creator of city's trademark pie yields dueling claims

Chicago Tribune

The idea seemed simple enough: Build a case to confer landmark status to the location where Chicago-style deep-dish pizza was invented.

But as historian Tim Samuelson began to look into origins of the distinctive dish, he found himself mired in conflicting stories, each as impenetrable as the pizza and peopled with characters every bit as robust. There is almost no documentation about who invented the dish, and without it, legend has taken over.

The only paper trail indicates the pizza almost certainly came out of a 19th Century mansion built with lumber money at 29 E. Ohio St.—the restaurant now known as Pizzeria Uno. But the question of who exactly developed the concept remains a mystery despite the best efforts of the City of Chicago's official cultural historian.

"I wish that there were more written records—recipes or vintage photographs," lamented Samuelson. "It's an enigma, wrapped in a pie crust," said Jeff Ruby, who co-authored "Everybody Loves Pizza" in 2005 with Penny Pollack. "Every day, it feels a little more lost to history."

What is known is that in 1943, Chicago produced a unique variation on traditional Italian and American pizzas. It has a coarse, crunchy crust, sauce on top of cheese instead of the other way around, and Italian sausage at its heart.

Nationally, pizza is a \$30 billion industry, but it is especially popular among Chicagoans. Pizzeria Uno does \$3.2 million of business a year, and its sibling a block away, Pizzeria Due, does \$3.4 million, even though neither delivers.

"What single food that hails from Chicago is as important as pizza?" said Marc Malnati, whose father, Lou, was a member of one of Chicago pizza's first families. "This city was built around Chicago pizza."

Experts with the city and in the restaurant industry studiously avoid taking sides in the debate over its origins, pointing out that history won't make a pizza taste any better.

In any case, Samuelson says he now has enough documentation to prove the pizza emerged from a restaurant that opened in the early 1940s in the mansion on East Ohio at Wabash, originally built by Chicago lumber baron Nathan Mears.

The founders of that pizzeria are the stuff of Chicago legend: Richard Novaretti, known as Ric Riccardo, the colorful owner of Riccardo's Restaurant at Rush and Hubbard Streets; and his friend, Ike Sewell, a Chicago liquor distributor with a native Texan's gregariousness.

By the 1940s and 1950s, phone books and city registers show tenants of the mansion included Riccardo, Lou Malnati's father, Rudy Malnati Sr.—and a restaurant offering a novel foreign dish called "pizza."

Sewell had suggested to Riccardo that they open a Mexican restaurant, but a botched test meal made Riccardo violently ill. Riccardo's counterproposal was pizza. It was Sewell who proposed super-sizing



DISHING ON PIZZA

What do you think? Who has the best pizza in Chicago? Text **"pizza"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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| 1. Giordano's | 4. Pizzeria Due |
| 2. Uno's | 5. Gino's |
| 3. Lou Malnati's | 6. Somewhere else |

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what was conceived as an appetizer-size offering, the businessmen would later say.

Their restaurant opened in 1943 as The Pizzeria, became Pizzeria Riccardo soon afterward, and settled in as Pizzeria Uno in 1955, when the partners opened Pizzeria Due in another Mears mansion at Wabash and Ontario.

When Uno's opened, there were other pizzerias in Chicago, but this one served something different and distinctive: pizza thick as a sewer lid and almost as heavy.

Who developed the recipe remains unknown, despite efforts by Samuelson, other food experts and fans. It may have developed over time or been a collaboration. Certainly, Sewell popularized the image and promoted it heavily. Samuelson and others tend to credit Riccardo with the impetus for

the idea and Sewell with making it famous.

But, of course, the story doesn't end there. Samuelson interviewed Lou Malnati's brother, Rudy Malnati Jr., who added a layer to the pie by suggesting that their father helped make Uno's original recipe.

Adolpho "Rudy" Malnati Sr. was Riccardo's former bartender and the Ohio Street restaurant's most loyal employee. Advertisements and news clippings of the time say he became manager of Pizzeria Riccardo in 1951, but clips also variously call him the restaurant's co-owner and main operator.

Malnati spoke Italian and broken English, and according to family tradition, he became a profit-sharing partner at the pizzeria on a handshake.

His son, Rudy Jr., offers two bits of proof for his claim that the elder Malnati should get partial credit for inventing Chicago's pizza: a 1956 news clipping that calls his father the person who established Pizzeria Uno, and assurances that Malnati's 82-year-old widow still helps make the dough at Pizano's Pizza, which Malnati Jr. opened in 1991.

But if Rudy Malnati Sr. had a hand in the pizza dough recipe, he never said so in interviews, and Samuelson couldn't find any documentation to back it up.

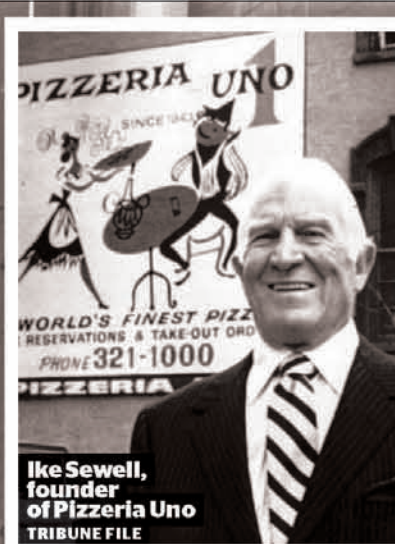
Over the years, various employees of Uno and Due went on to found some of Chicago's most famous pizza houses: Uno's cook Alice Mae Redmond at Gino's East, Uno's waitress Helen Delisi at Delisi's Pizza, Due's employee Louisa DeGenero at Louisa's Pizza.

In 1955, a young bartender at Uno, Luciano "Lou" Malnati, was sent to manage the new Pizzeria Due. He later opened his own restaurant in Lincolnwood, and his sons Marc and Rick now manage a chain of Lou Malnati's restaurants.

His work done, Samuelson said he thinks Pizzerias Uno and Due deserve landmark status. "There's also a fundamental truth behind my long-standing interest in this subject."

What's that?

"I really like the pizza," he said.



June 1966 | Lou Malnati serves his father Rudy Malnati, proprietor of Pizzeria Uno, the 2 millionth pizza his two restaurants had turned out in 23 years of business. **TRIBUNE FILE**

MORE IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN CHICAGO PIZZA

1937: Pizza originally comes to Chicago. Pizzeria Napolitano opens and thrives on Taylor Street.

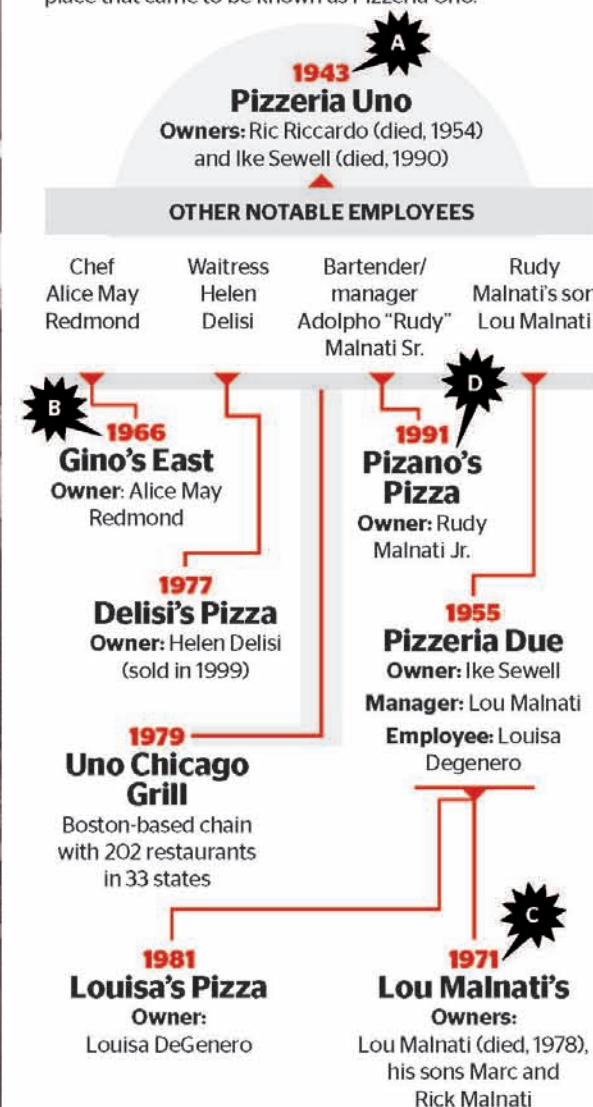
1947: Nick Perrino and mother-in-law Mary Grittani found Homerun Inn Pizza, which features thin-crust pizza.

1973: Godfather's Pizza founded.

1974: Giordano's Pizza and Nancy's Pizza open and add a layer of crust to the top of the pizza, creating the first "stuffed" pizza.

A history of deep-dish pizza

In 1943, Chicago produced a unique variation on traditional Italian and American pizzas with a coarse, crunchy crust, sauce on top of cheese instead of the other way around, and Italian sausage at its heart. Over the years, a family tree of Chicago pizzerias has coalesced around the originator of the deep-dish pizza, a place that came to be known as Pizzeria Uno.



DECONSTRUCTING DEEP DISH

The Tribune's Phil Vettel tastes and tells:

A **Uno's**
A crust as thick as Malnati's, but denser and crunchier, topped by crushed tomatoes

B **Gino's East**
A sweet, yellow and bready crust, topped with a sweeter sausage

C **Lou Malnati's**
Thick bread crust is almost spongy, the sausage tangy

D **Pizano's**
A crisp crust and peppery sausage

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Megachurch pastor resigns

Chicago Tribune

The pastor of Willow Creek Chicago—the city campus of the evangelical megachurch known as Willow Creek Community Church—has resigned and admitted to “sexual impurity,” according to a church spokesman.

Rev. Steve Wu moved from California’s Silicon Valley in early 2006, hired by senior pastor Rev. Bill Hybels to lead Willow Creek Chicago, the urban branch of the South Barrington-based church.

Under Wu, Willow Creek Chicago began holding Sunday services at the historic Auditorium Theatre in 2006, becoming Willow Creek’s fifth campus. Willow Creek Community Church is one of the most influential evangelical churches in the nation with more than 20,000 members.

A church elder read a statement to the Willow Chicago congregation on Jan. 25 announcing Wu’s resignation, saying the pastor “admitted to sexual impurity and has taken full responsibility for his sin. He has expressed a desire to participate in a restoration process.”

The statement also said that Todd Katter has agreed to serve as interim campus pastor while the church searches for Wu’s replacement, according to Willow’s director of communication Ted Allen Miller.

“We would ask you to pray diligently for Steve in these difficult days,” the statement said.

When asked for further information, Miller said the statement was the extent of what the church is able to communicate at this time.



\$10K reward for ‘Cross-dressing Bandit’

A \$10,000 reward was offered Tuesday by the FBI for information leading to the identification and arrest of a man dressed as a woman who robbed a Park Ridge bank last August.

The “Cross-dressing Bandit” (above) wore a black and pink floral print dress; a pink, wide-brimmed sun hat; long white gloves and white sandals and carried an oversize black purse as he held up the MB Financial Bank branch before 7 p.m. Aug. 13, the FBI said in announcing the reward.

Anyone with information about the robber or the heist itself is asked to call the FBI’s Chicago office at 312-421-6700. **TRIBUNE**

Former Ald. Arenda Troutman leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday after her sentencing.

MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE



Troutman sentenced

Despite tearful plea, ex-alderwoman gets 4 years for mail, tax fraud

Chicago Tribune

Former Ald. Arenda Troutman was sentenced to four years in prison Tuesday for mail and tax fraud.

Troutman admitted that for several years she had solicited cash from developers to back their projects in her South Side ward. The sentence was handed down after Troutman tearfully told the judge that she’s not “a monster” as portrayed by prosecutors who said she accepted bribes and fraternized with gang members.

She asked for leniency so she could remain with her three sons.

“This society is real cruel to young black boys who don’t have instruction and guidance,” she said. “They’ll get swallowed up in the belly of the beast.”

U.S. District Judge Ruben Castillo said he believed that Troutman is a good mother to her sons and a good daughter to her ailing mother but described her as “a walking contradiction.”

He noted that Troutman had once worked with the late Chicago Mayor Harold Washington but wouldn’t be joining him in the local political Hall of Fame. “Instead you join the Hall of Shame of politicians who sold their offices,” Castillo said.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Joseph Alesia called Troutman’s conduct “a five-year crime spree.” In some instances she blocked low-income housing because no one involved would pay her

THE WARD SHE SERVED

The 20th Ward includes some of the city’s poorest and most crime-ridden neighborhoods, but it’s also at the edge of a spreading wave of new homes.

a bribe, he said. “Even by Chicago standards, it’s no small crime,” Alesia said.

Troutman’s lawyer, Michael Gillespie, said she accepted full responsibility. “She is terribly humbled and saddened by what she has done to constituents in her ward,” he said.

The former alderwoman had about 30 supporters in the courtroom. Moments after the judge handed down the prison sentence, Troutman was seated at defense table with supporters huddled around her in what appeared to be a prayer circle. She remained free on bail pending appeal.

After she was charged with corruption in early 2007, Troutman, the alderman of the 20th Ward, defiantly denied wrongdoing and suggested she had been targeted for political reasons. Troutman is the 12th Chicago alderman convicted of wrongdoing in the last 20 years, but the first since Percy Giles (37th) in 1999.

Prosecutors detailed the evidence against Troutman, including conversations that an undercover informant recorded as part of the FBI sting that snared her. In one exchange, the alderman promised to smooth the way for a development but then asked, “What do I get out of it?”

In another infamous quote that was caught on tape and later drew scorn from council colleagues, Troutman compared politics in Chicago to prostitution.

“Most aldermen, most politicians are hos,” she said.

In her 33-page plea agreement, Troutman admitted it was “the general practice” of her office to direct staffers to solicit donations from developers seeking to do business in the 20th Ward. Prosecutors laid out payoffs totaling \$21,500 in the document.

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Burris storm brewing

As a political storm brewed around new U.S. Sen. Roland Burris on Tuesday, fellow Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin kept mum, traveling out of the country with a man who could be a contender for Burris' seat in 2010.

Durbin is spending the week in Greece, Cyprus and Turkey, accompanied by Illinois state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias. Illinois' senior senator, Durbin left over the weekend and has not had a chance to review any of the documents related to the recent flap over Burris, spokesman Joe Shoemaker said.

In an affidavit released over the weekend, Burris acknowledged deeper connections to ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich than he did previously to an Illinois House impeachment panel that impeached Blagojevich.

In statements since, Burris also has acknowledged trying to raise money for Blagojevich.

The Sangamon County prosecutor's office on Tuesday began reviewing documents related to Burris' testimony



Roland Burris arrives Tuesday for a meeting with Illinois State University President Al Bowman.

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before the impeachment panel after lawmakers called for an investigation into whether Burris perjured himself.

Shoemaker said Durbin doesn't want to comment on the Burris situation until he reviews the materials, including a transcript of Burris' testimony before the impeachment panel in January.

On Tuesday, Burris said he welcomes an investigation by the Senate's ethics committee. Sen. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat and committee chairman, declined to comment.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid says the senator supports Burris' decision to cooperate with officials.

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics says evidence suggests Burris lied under oath and authorities should investigate if the Illinois Democrat can be prosecuted for perjury.

Also Tuesday, a Tribune editorial said there's only one honorable action for Burris and that is to resign.

Police: Student hanged himself

Evanston police said Tuesday they agree with a Cook County medical examiner's report that 10-year-old Aquan Lewis of Skokie took his own life when he hanged himself in a bathroom at his elementary school. Supt. Hardy Murphy said District 65 is continuing its own probe. "We're trying to understand so we have precision and clarity on what transpired," he said.

Woman fights off attacker near U. of C.

A woman fought off a sexual attacker Monday night near the University of Chicago campus, according to a school security alert. The woman reportedly was walking in the 1100 block of East 59th Street about 9:40 p.m. when a man hit her from behind, pushed her to the ground and tried to remove her pants. Anyone with relevant information can call 773-702-8181.

New Bronzeville supermarket

Milwaukee-based Roundy's Supermarkets has signed a lease for a new store in Bronzeville, making it the anchor tenant for the Metropolis, a planned real estate development there. The store, slated to open in the fall of 2010, will occupy 60,000 square feet. Construction has yet to begin on the company's first site at 1515 N. Halsted St., which was announced in early 2007.

2 charged in Pilsen slaying

A 20-year-old man and a teen, who prosecutors said went out with the specific intention of sending a rival gang member—any rival gang member—to the hospital, have been charged in connection with the slaying of a teen Saturday in Pilsen. Taylor Hock, 20, and Efrain Becerra, 17, both of Rockford, were charged with first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of 16-year-old Johnny Vasquez, of the 1400 block of West Cullerton Street.



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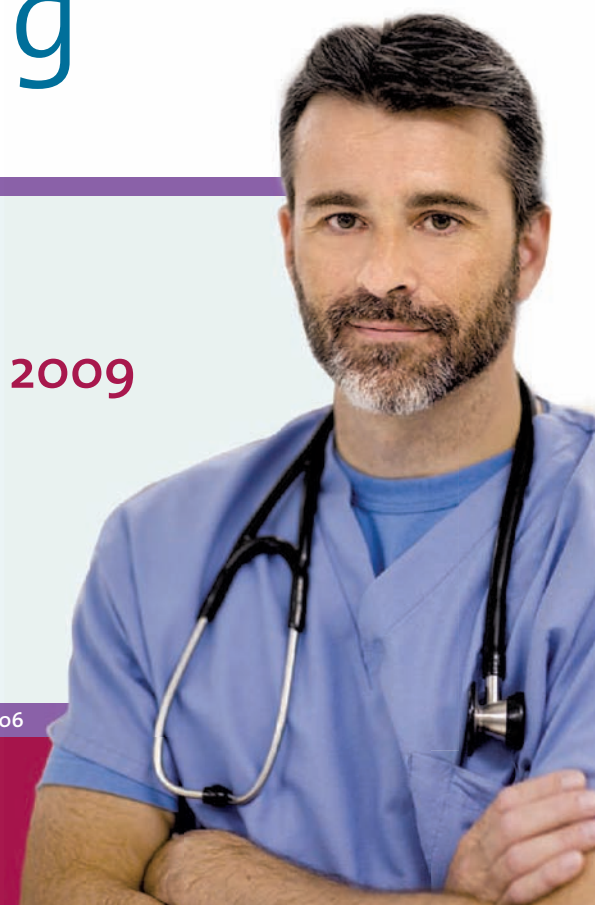
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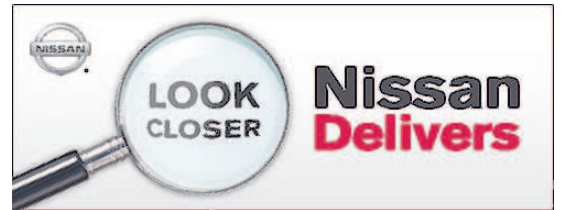
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Get Starbucks in an instant

Starbucks began selling its new instant coffee online Tuesday, ahead of a nationwide launch to coincide with the company's first major ad campaign.

Customers will be able to buy packets of the new coffee in Starbucks' Seattle and Chicago stores March 3 and the rest of the company's U.S. stores in the fall when the advertising begins. Online orders will start shipping in March.

Chief Executive Howard Schultz said the gourmet coffee chain wants to change perceptions of both its own affordability and the

quality of instant coffee.

"This is not your mother's instant coffee," Schultz said at an "unveiling" event for analysts and reporters in New York.

Called Via, the water-soluble product sells in packets of three for \$2.95 or 12 for \$9.95—\$1 or less per cup. Just Columbia and Italian Roast varieties will be available at first, but the company will add others later.

"I don't know if we're going to replace the morning ritual," Schultz said.

First, the company will have to replace the perception that instant coffee is more Maxwell

House than coffee house.

To fight that battle, Starbucks is launching its first-ever major advertising campaign, which will include a video on YouTube explaining the difference between Starbucks instant coffee and the old standbys.

Critics say the move smells of desperation as the chain closes locations in the U.S. and overseas and cuts up to nearly 1,700 jobs.

Schultz said the company is introducing the instant coffee because the time is right and the product is up to par.



Anchor case

1 Curtis Lavelle Vance, accused in the beating death of Little Rock, Ark., anchor Anne Pressly, is escorted from a Little Rock courtroom Tuesday after a judge left open the possibility of a plea deal. **AP PHOTO**

Jury in bomb plot trial

2 A jury has been chosen to hear the third trial of six Miami men accused of plotting to destroy Chicago's Sears Tower and bomb FBI offices.

On the menu

3 A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld New York City's regulation requiring some chain restaurants to post calories on menus and menu boards, saying the rule is a reasonable effort to curb obesity.

Detainee detained again

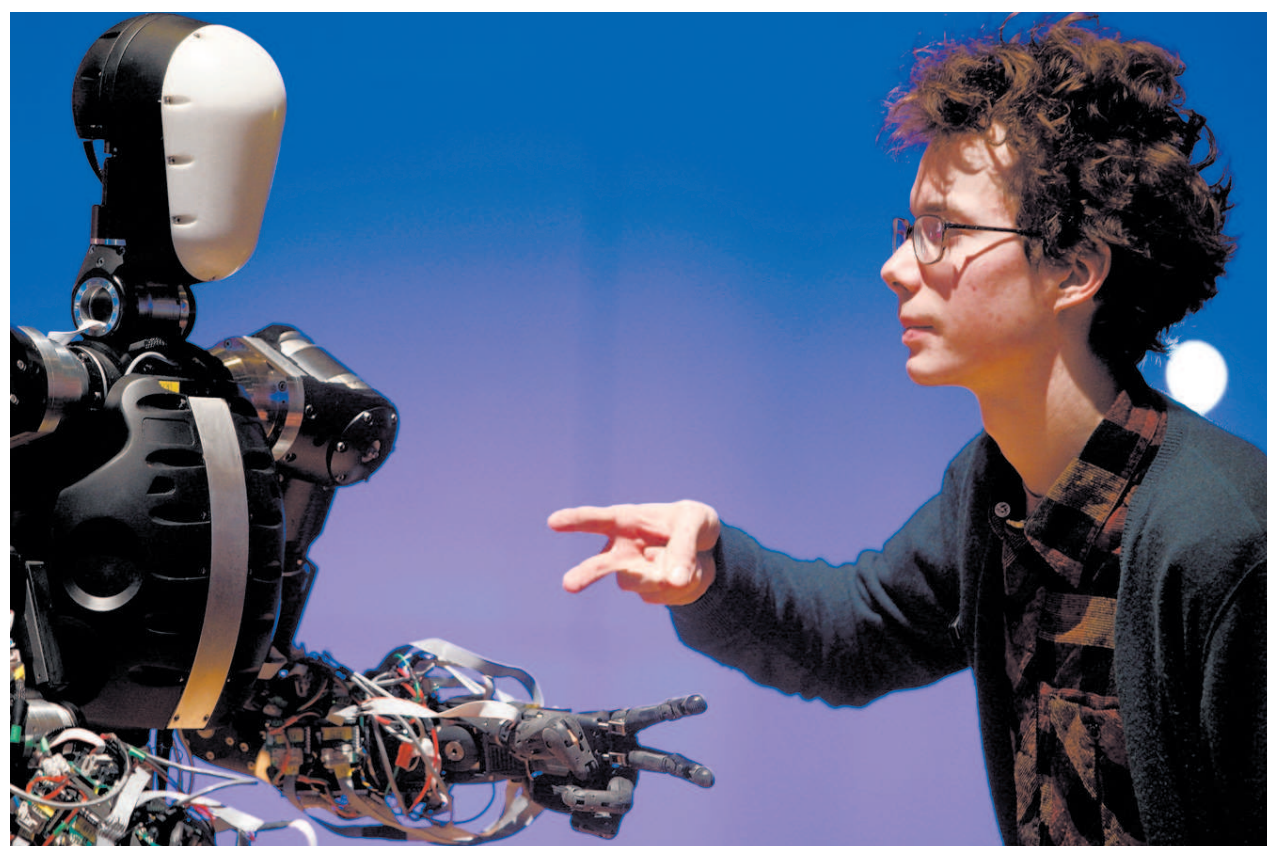
4 Abu al-Hareth Muhammad al-Oufi, a former Guantanamo detainee who later became an Al Qaeda field commander, has surrendered and was handed over Tuesday to Saudi authorities.

Ship aground

5 A cruise ship with 64 passengers and 41 crew members aboard ran aground Tuesday near an Argentine base in Antarctica, but there were no risks to the people aboard, the Argentine navy and the ship's operator reported.

Convicts captured

6 Two convicts who broke out of a prison in Creteil, France, and took bystanders hostage were captured Tuesday after a confrontation with police in a suburban Paris highway tunnel, the public prosecutor said.



Your move, robot

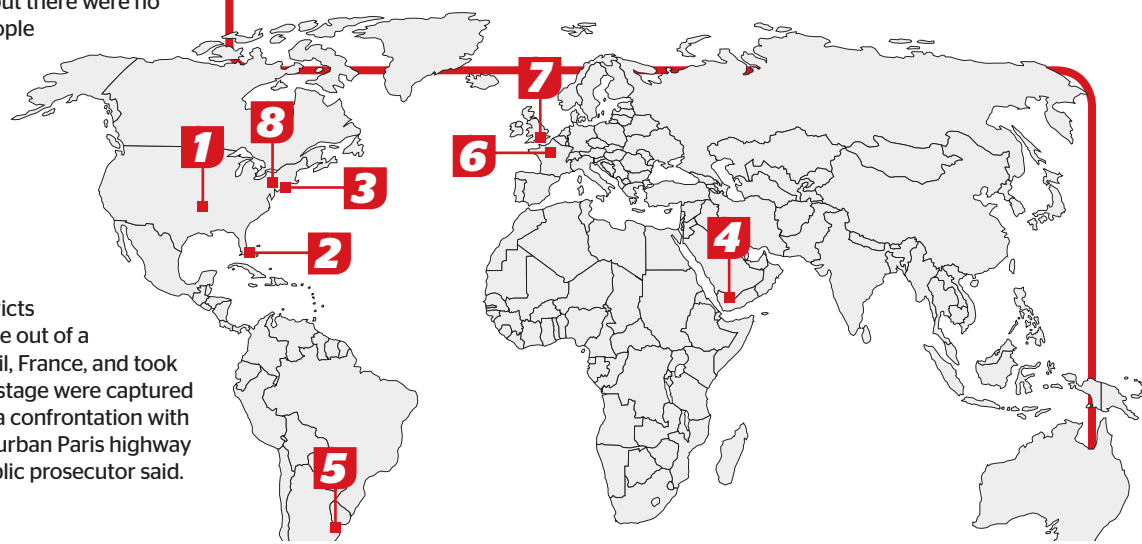
7 Content developer Louis Buckley plays the game "Paper, Rock, Scissors" Tuesday with robot Berti at the Science Museum in London. The robot is a life-size humanoid that is built to mimic human gesturing. **AP**

Me-yow! Pierced cats trial to go forward

8 **WILKES-BARRE, Pa.** A Pennsylvania dog groomer has been ordered to stand trial on animal cruelty charges for selling "gothic kittens" with ear, neck and tail piercings.

Holly Crawford's home outside Wilkes-Barre was raided Dec. 17 after the county Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals got a tip.

A prosecutor says Crawford inflicted pain on the cats, which were listed for sale for hundreds of dollars on the Internet. Crawford's attorney says state law says nothing about piercing cats or docking their tails.



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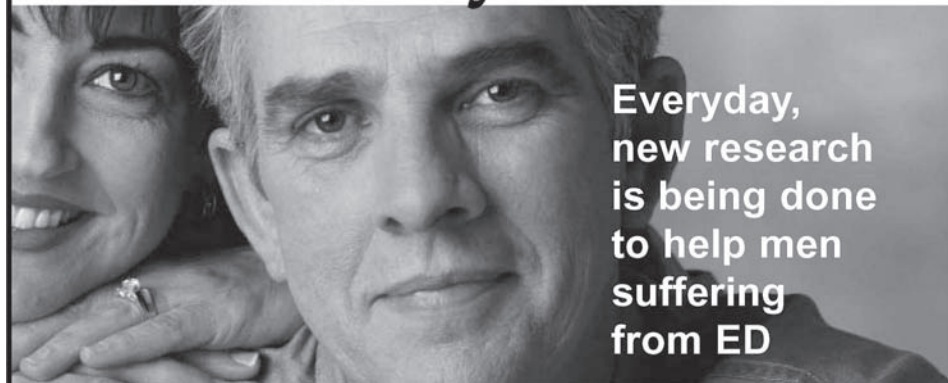
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- **International** (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:45, 10:40
- **Friday the 13th** (R) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
- **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:40, 6:15, 8:30, 11:00
- **Underworld** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
- **Notorious** (R) 1:15, 9:45
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:45, 5:45, 8:15, 10:50
- **AMC Select Gran Torino** (R) 4:00, 6:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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- **The Class** (NR) 3:10, 6:30, 9:45
- **Che: Part One** (NR) 2:05, 5:10
- **Revo Road** (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
- **The Reader** (R) 3:15, 6:45, 10:00
- **Milk** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 8:45, 10:30
- **Doubt** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.
 (800) 326-3264 #1642

- **Lucia Lammer** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **Friday the 13th** (R) ★ 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:10, 6:30, 7:50, 9:10, 10:30
- **International** (R) ★ 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:30
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) ★ 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 3:50
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:15
- **Push** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 3:30, 6:20, 9:20
- **Coraline 3D** (PG) ★ 12:40, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00
- **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 7:10, 9:45
- **Taken** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 1:20, 4:10
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40
- **My Bloody Val** (R) ★ 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45
- **Gran Torino** (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
 (773) 784-8893

- **International** (R) ★ 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) ★ 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
- **Doubt** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

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 (773) 582-1839
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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **International** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
- **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:45, 2:30, 3:40, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
- **Push** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35
- **Coraline** (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
- **Taken** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
- **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 1:40, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:00
- **Underworld** (R) 4:45, 9:35
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 1:40, 4:00
- **Notorious** (R) 2:00, 6:55
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:05, 4:10, 6:20, 8:50
- **My Bloody Val** (R) 6:30, 9:00

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- **Ballerina** (NR) 6:00, 7:45

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
 (773) 252-0628

- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 2:00, 4:05, 6:10, 8:20
- **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 2:05, 5:05, 8:05
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 2:10, 4:20, 6:25, 8:30
- **Twilight** (PG-13) 2:10, 6:20
- **Yes Man** (PG-13) 4:25, 8:40

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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- **The Wrestler** (R) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
- **Animated** (NR) 7:20 P.M.
- **Live Actio** (NR) 5:10, 9:30

PIPER'S ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **AMC Select Fanboys** (PG-13) 3:15, 5:25, 7:35
- **AMC Select The Wrestler** (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 7:55
- **AMC Select Waltz-Bashir** (R) 3:40, 5:45, 8:00
- **AMC Select Rachel Getting** (R) 2:25, 5:10

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

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- **Lucia Lammer** (NR) 7:00 P.M.
- **International** (R) 2:00, 5:15, 8:30
- **Friday the 13th** (R) 1:40, 3:30, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 1:45, 2:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:45, 8:45, 10:45
- **Coraline 3D** (PG) ★ 1:15, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:20
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45
- **Push** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30
- **Taken** (PG-13) 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **AMC Select Milk** (R) 2:15, 5:10, 8:05
- **New in Town** (PG) 1:20 P.M.
- **AMC Select Revo Road** (R) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
- **AMC Select Frost/Nixon** (R) 1:35, 5:05, 7:55, 10:50
- **AMC Select Slumdog Mill** (R) 2:05, 4:00, 5:00, 7:15, 8:15, 10:25
- **Underworld** (R) 9:30 P.M.
- **AMC Select The Wrestler** (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
- **AMC Select Defiance** (R) 4:15, 7:25
- **AMC Select The Reader** (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
- **AMC Select Gran Torino** (R) 1:10, 10:35
- **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 2:30, 6:15, 10:00
- **AMC Select Doubt** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 6:50

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

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- **Friday the 13th** (R) ★ 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:10, 6:30, 7:40, 9:10, 10:00
- **International** (R) ★ 12:20, 3:30, 7:00, 10:05
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) ★ 12:10, 1:00, 2:40, 4:10, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) ★ 12:40, 1:20, 3:40, 4:20, 6:40, 7:20, 9:40, 10:15
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) ★ 11:45, 1:10, 2:20, 3:50, 4:45, 6:20, 8:50
- **Push** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
- **Coraline 3D** (PG) ★ 11:40, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
- **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 6:05, 8:20, 10:30
- **Taken** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25
- **Underworld** (R) 7:15, 9:45
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 11:50, 2:50, 5:30
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
- **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 12:15, 4:30, 8:10
- **Slumdog Mill** (R) 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:15

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
 (800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Lucia Lammer** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **International** (R) ★ 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) ★ 1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 1:20, 2:15, 3:30, 4:20, 5:15, 6:30, 7:20, 8:15, 9:30, 10:15
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
- **Taken** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **Benjamin Button** (PG-13) 2:40, 6:10, 9:45
- **Gran Torino** (R) 2:20, 10:40
- **Frost/Nixon** (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **International** (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 9:15
- **Coraline** (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
- **Push** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
- **The Uninvited** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10
- **Taken** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 6:20, 9:00
- **Underworld** (R) 12:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
 (800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Friday the 13th** (R) ★ 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:00
- **International** (R) ★ 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40
- **Confess-Shop** (PG) ★ 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
- **He's Just Not** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
- **Pink Panther 2** (PG) ★ 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 9:15
- **Coraline** (PG) ★ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
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- **Underworld** (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
- **Hotel for Dogs** (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:15
- **Blart: Mail Cop** (PG) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
- **The Unborn** (PG-13) 9:55 P.M.

OAK PARK

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1022 Lake Street
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- **Confess-Shop** (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
- **International** (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
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A-Rod pleads ignorance, draws more criticism as steroids scandal dominates Spring Training

Chicago Tribune

Alex Rodriguez's take on his three years using the steroid Primobolan?

"It was really amateur hour," Rodriguez said Tuesday at the New York Yankees' training facility in Tampa.

Rodriguez, taking questions from an overflow crowd of reporters on his first day in camp, added some details to the interview he gave with ESPN a week ago, after Sports Illustrated reported he had tested positive for steroids in 2003. He said an unidentified cousin provided him with the performance-enhancing drug, which that cousin injected into him about two times a month for a little more than two years — 50-plus injections in all.

"My cousin started talking to me about something that was available for purchase in the streets of the [Dominican Republic]," Rodriguez said. "He said it was called 'boli' or 'bole.' We decided it would be a good idea, and my cousin started administering it to me. ... We consulted no one. ... It was pretty evident we didn't know what we were doing."

Rodriguez, as stylish off the field as on, wore khaki slacks and a dark dress shirt. He had a red string bracelet on his left wrist, as often worn by Kabbalah followers.

Rodriguez said he did not know the substance his cousin was injecting was steroids. He was asked why, then, was he so secretive about his use.

'It makes me angry'

Pitchers Jamie Moyer of the Phillies and Roy Oswalt of the Astros have attacked Alex Rodriguez's numbers in the past week, and Houston slugger Lance Berkman said Tuesday that steroids have cast a shadow over the game's statistics.

"It makes me angry," he said. "Me and Roy were in there talking about it today. How many hits has he given up to guys that are home runs? That cost him games, his numbers. How many guys have I faced that are throwing 95 that should be throwing 89? It makes a huge difference."

Berkman also said he doesn't feel sorry for Rodriguez, who called the last couple of weeks "difficult and emotional."

"If you do something like that you're going to pay the piper eventually," Berkman said. **AP**

"That's a good question," he said. "I knew we weren't taking Tic Tacs. I knew it could potentially be something that was wrong. ... You don't want to share everything you do with the public. That was something I decided not to share with anyone."

Rodriguez said only that he gained some "energy" from the use of Primobolan but hinted it could have come from something as innocent as a placebo effect.

"I'm not sure what the benefits were," he said. "When you take any substance, espe-

cially in baseball, which is half physical, half mental—you could take this bottle of water and if you say I'll be a better baseball player [for drinking it], you probably will be. I felt more energy, but it's hard to say."

Rodriguez indicated he did not gain strength while his cousin was injecting him.

"When I was a junior in high school, I bench-pressed 310 pounds," he said. "Today I probably bench-press 240 or 250."

Rodriguez said he will be part of an anti-steroid education campaign. He said he plans to join forces with baseball and the Taylor Hooton Foundation in that regard.

Being implicated in the steroids scandal

comes on the heels of an ugly divorce, the Yankees' third-place finish (and first missed playoff appearance since 1993) and a publicized relationship with Madonna.

"These last 15 months have been very tough," he said. "I've been through a divorce, been through the tabloids, you name it. I miss playing baseball and I miss simply being a baseball player."



CANINE HOT LINE

What do you think: Is it time to move past the steroids scandal and focus on playing baseball? Send Whizzer your thoughts via e-mail to redeyesports@tribune.com, or just text "whiz" and your comment followed by your name, age and neighborhood to 47383.



Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees addresses the media Tuesday at George Steinbrenner Field in Tampa. AP

In their words

Here's how some people in baseball reacted Tuesday after Alex Rodriguez's news conference. AP



"I wonder if his cousin even existed. That was my first thought. Is his cousin made up? I don't know. He

wouldn't give his name or anything. I can understand he might be trying to protect him."

—Kansas City Royals pitcher
John Bale



"He's embarrassed about it. He's honest about it. What else can he do?"

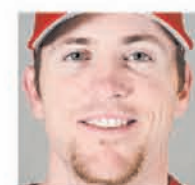
—Atlanta Braves manager
Bobby Cox



"You know you can't judge everybody based on one guy. And in every sport people cheat.

And people try to get an edge over the other players. I don't think that's right, but everybody has a different mentality."

—Cubs third baseman
Aramis Ramirez



"I wish they would just come out and say who the 104 players are because it's not fair for the other

players. We're all lumped in with them, and people think most players did it during the steroid era. But all of us didn't cheat. I don't care how they do it, they should name all the players on the list."

—Philadelphia Phillies closer
Brad Lidge

A-Rod quote or Madonna lyric?

Before he made headlines because of his past use of performance-enhancing drugs, Alex Rodriguez caught the attention of America after being linked romantically to Madonna. Did he learn anything from the Material Girl? See for yourself with this quiz. Are the following lines A-Rod quotes or Madonna lyrics? **REDEYE**

1. "I may be young at heart. But I know what I'm saying."

2. "I thought I knew everything, and I clearly didn't."

3. "I've been looking for people to blame, and I keep looking at myself at the end of the day."

4. "We did everything we could to keep it between us."

5. "You deserve the best in life. So if the time isn't right then move on."

6. "We couldn't ask anyone. We didn't want to ask anyone."

7. "It was pretty evident that we didn't know what we're doing."

8. "And that's all right you see. Experience has made me rich. And now they're after me."

9. "Like everyone else, I've made a lot of mistakes in my life."

10. "Don't look back. Keep your head held high. Don't ask them why. Because life is short."

ANSWERS: A-Rod quote: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9. Madonna lyric: 1. "Papa Don't Preach" 5. "Express Yourself" 8. "Material Girl" 10. "This Used to Be My Playground"

Talking heads

Catch Marc Silverman from 9 a.m.-noon weekdays on ESPN radio and Jen Patterson on CSN's "Monsters in the Morning" from 6 to 9 a.m. weekdays.

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1 Who's got more to prove: the Cubs or White Sox?	The Cubs have to win a World Series. The Sox don't.	The Cubs are statistical proof that 0+0=0. Throw in a few zeros, same outcome.	Cubs. Have you heard Obama is a Sox fan? The Sox should think about publicizing that!	Sox. They can't be letting down President Obama!	100 years + huge payroll + recent playoff chokes = lots to prove for the Cubbies.
2 What's your outlook for the rest of the Bulls' season?	Rubbernecking as I pass by just like watching any train wreck.	Couldn't say. I had to surrender my telescope and binoculars.	Is that with or without DRose in the game with :05 left? Nice job, Vinny.	Magic 8 Ball says "outlook not so good."	Looks like they'll be bullish on going for another high lottery pick.
3 The Bulls meet old friend Scott Skiles again. What's he thinking now?	"Told you so."	"This is what a comeback feels like."	"My steaming hot garbage is less steaming and hot than your steaming hot garbage."	"Nah Nah Na Boo Boo, I'm 2 games ahead of you!"	"Firing me was probably a favor, but Milwaukee wasn't exactly an upgrade."
4 If Lance Armstrong wins the Tour of California, then on to "Tour de Lincoln Square"!	... he'll be the second hero on the Hudson.	... he's already won that tour. Kate Hudson, Ashley Olsen, Sheryl Crow. A heck of a ride.	... check his urine sample.	... I'll have to pick him up for my fantasy cycling team, of course.
5 How is "American Idol" like a sports competition?	They both are closely associated with the minor leagues.	Sanjaya, inexplicably, had a bowl cut. Notre Dame, inexplicably, always makes the bowl cut.	Chemically enhanced participants ruled by completely incompetent judges.	This question stinks. :)	It's like a figure skating competition with voices instead of triple lutzes.

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I just flew back from Arizona, and boy are my arms tired. No, I didn't really go there, I just wanted to try out that joke. I guess I really should have substituted "legs" for "arms" though, right? Speaking of arms, the Cubs and White Sox actually are in Arizona playing ball now. Spring Training. Can't you tell by looking outside? Here now, my TV picks.



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8 p.m. Lakeshore Public Television

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Scott Linebrink stretches Monday with his White Sox teammates during Spring Training. AP

Just said no

Obama stays away from Spring Training

GLENDALE, Ariz. The White Sox surely will meet President Obama in the future, maybe on Opening Day.

But they won't meet Wednesday, as the Sox's No. 1 fan declined an invitation to stop by their Spring Training facility during his visit to Arizona.

"The White House appreciates the invitation," Deputy White House Press Secretary Bill Burton told reporters Tuesday.

The Sox still are waiting to hear whether Obama will accept their invitation to throw the ceremonial first pitch at the regular season home opener April 6.

The president was in Mesa on Tuesday to talk about his stimulus bill.

Mesa, where the Cubs train, is about an hour's drive from the Sox's

spring headquarters.

"I'm sure everyone is more focused on their jobs than that at this point," said Sox General Manager Ken Williams.

"It's a very cool thing that he's a fan [of ours]. But there are a whole lot of White Sox fans out there that we're playing for, not just one."

At Cubs' camp in Mesa, Lou Piniella wanted to send him a Cubs cap.

"We can sneak Chief Wahoo over there," the Cubs manager said.

Chief Wahoo? Piniella was referring to the ubiquitous Cubs fan known as "Ronnie Woo-Woo."

After the laughter died down, Piniella continued: "It would be nice for him to mention the Cubs once in a while."



Obama
AP

Obama gets Shaq'd

PHOENIX What's the ideal gift for a basketball-obsessed president? Try a size 23 sneaker autographed by Shaquille O'Neal.

The Phoenix Suns center couldn't be around when President Obama arrived Tuesday at Sky Harbor International Airport. So when Obama stepped off Air Force One, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon's son Jake made the presentation at the foot of the stairs.

The shoe made a big impression. Obama set it on the ground next to his own, much smaller shoe, and grinned. Then he scooped it up and took it with him into the limo.

Cubs deal with great expectations

MESA, Ariz. As the Cubs gathered as a team for the first time since their playoff collapse, Lou Piniella sounded a familiar theme.

"Don't take for granted, from talking to the media, that you're going to win a division and your season is going to be defined if you play well in the postseason," Piniella told his players Tuesday. "You have to earn winning your division."

Derrek Lee, on the other hand, said he understands why Cubs fans would feel only October matters.

"They're probably not going to trust us too much, no matter how well we do in the regular season," he said.

Piniella asked reporters not to "overanalyze" October's playoff debacle.

"When I came here a couple of years ago, if you told our fans we're going to win two divisions, I think they'd be happy with that ..." he said. "Now if you tell [them] you're going to win a third and not have [playoff] success, they're not going to be happy with that."

HOMETOWN HITS



Bulls forward Tyrus Thomas wasn't talking Tuesday, and neither was John Paxson. Both could have plenty to say before the week is over. Thomas is the focus of

different rumors as the trade deadline draws near. Paxson's rumored departure as general manager hasn't come to pass, despite mounting criticism of the team's performance and his ability to make the necessary personnel moves to field a contender. Rumors also swirled Tuesday about the Bulls possibly trading for Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh in a three-team deal with Phoenix.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

» Blackhawks 5, Tampa Bay 3
» Bradley 71, Missouri St. 60

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

» Illinois vs. Penn St., 6 p.m., Big Ten Network
» Illinois-Chicago vs. Wright St., 7 p.m.

CYCLING

Leipheimer keeps lead

Levi Leipheimer bumped wheels with Lance Armstrong, but recovered to maintain his lead after Thor Hushovd won the third stage Tuesday in the rain-soaked Tour of California. Armstrong is fourth.

THE DIGIT

16 million

Number of viewers who tuned in to watch NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth win Sunday's Daytona 500.

ONE-LINERS

Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick's suburban Atlanta home will be offered for sale to the highest bidder on March 10. » Southern Mississippi football players Damion Fletcher and Brennan Houston were arrested on separate misdemeanors Sunday. » NCAA President Myles Brand says he's fighting advanced pancreatic cancer "as hard as I can" with aggressive chemotherapy.

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Allison Yates and Colette Syputa Status: Roommates

Allison and Colette go way back—all the way to 1st grade, when they were in the same Girl Scout Brownie troupe in suburban Bloomingdale. They went their separate ways for college but reunited in Boystown, where they're now roommates. Every weekend's an adventure for these two single ladies, but they were in rare form when they set out for some pre-Valentine's fun on Friday the 13th.

Neighborhood: Lakeview

Dinner: We decided to first try our luck with munchies at **Fizz Bar & Grill** (3220 N. Lincoln Ave.), which offers half-price appetizers until 8 p.m. Fridays. We arrived in the nick of time, ordering a crostini plate and quesadillas, which were brimming with whole leaf spinach and red peppers—extraordinarily better than your basic pub variety. It was all a whopping \$7.25. Total spent, including tip: \$9.

Drinks: With full bellies, our minds turned to drinks, so we headed over to **Houndstooth Saloon** (3438 N. Clark St.). In a neighborhood known for partying hardy, this spot is a nice change of pace. We ordered \$3 domestics—a Miller Light and Old Style. Total spent, including tip: \$7.

Entertainment: After drinks, we trekked up Clark to the midnight Improv Jam at **IO** (3541 N. Clark St.), a weekly event where audience members are invited to play alongside iO vets. Though the tickets cost only \$3 a pop, we got more than our money's worth in laughs. Total spent: \$6.

The deal that'll break 'em: Rolling out of the comedy club after 1 a.m., we decided to curse Valentine's Day with \$1 Jell-O shots at **Big City Tap** (1010 W. Belmont Ave.). Though we didn't meet our valentines, we had a deal breakin' good night!

Total time elapsed: 5.5 hours
Total spent: \$25

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Oren Matteson and Sarah Ross Status: Dating

Who says you'll never meet someone special at a bar? Oren and Sarah met at Gaslight Bar & Grille (2426 N. Racine Ave.) about a year ago, and they've been dating ever since. They're moving in together in Wicker Park in April, so last weekend's Valentine's Day adventure in Lincoln Park was their swan song for Oren's neighborhood, where they've spent countless hours getting to know each other.

Neighborhood: Lincoln Park

Dinner: We started at **Binny's Ivanhoe Castle**

(3000 N. Clark St.), where we told the wine manager we were looking for a rockin' red for less than \$10. He steered us toward an '06 Castano Monastrell. It was \$7.99, but we shaved off a dollar by signing up for a free Binny's card. Then we headed to **Sultan's Market** (2521 N. Clark St.) for two falafel sandwiches (\$4.14 each). Sultan's is a counter-service operation, which eliminated the need for tipping. So when a homeless veteran selling love poems approached us outside the restaurant, we even had some change to help his cause. Total spent: \$16.

Entertainment: On full stomachs, we hit Stay Smooth, a free DJ show at **Schubas'** upstairs lounge (3159 N. Southport Ave.), where DJs Bald Eagle and STV SLV offered a mix of '80s slow jams and one-hit wonders.

Drinks: A night of dancing to old favorites wouldn't be complete without cocktails. A \$3 PBR bottle and a \$4 vodka and tonic helped bring out the party animals in both of us. Total spent: \$7.

The deal that'll break 'em: Wallets bursting with two remaining dollars, there was only one place left to go: **Rose's Lounge** (2656 N. Lincoln Ave.). Rose, the 75-plus-year-old bartender, runs this cozy hole-in-the-wall with a 50 cent-per-game pool table. We ordered two Old Style drafts for a buck each and threw in a \$1 tip. Total spent: \$3.
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Total spent: \$26



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Chicago Polar Plunge
 TRIBUNE FILE

Save the date for these upcoming events that will help kick cabin fever to the curb

By Rebecca Palmore

According to Mother Nature, spring is on the way. According to local weather reports, Mother Nature isn't really known for punctuality. If you're as sick of being cooped up as we are, stop fretting over the present and look to these future events for inspiration to get off the couch. Now, how 'bout a few laps around the living room in preparation?



Spring forward

RUNNING

Wacky 5K Run

'Hood: West Loop

>> Kick off the season with a charity run that ends with an all-you-can-eat buffet of healthy—and not-so-healthy—snack foods.

When: 10 a.m. March 1

Where: Start at Journeymen Plumber's Hall, 1340 W. Washington Blvd.

Cost: \$30

Register: 773-868-3010 or chicagoevents.com

St. Paddy's 5K Run/Walk

'Hood: Lincoln Park

>> Creative green attire is the dress code for this annual lakefront jaunt that ends with a group toast to St. Pat at **The Trinity Bar** (2721 N. Halsted St.).

When: 9 a.m. March 15

Where: Start near Diversey Harbor, 2800 N. Lake Shore Drive

Cost: \$25 before March 1; \$30 after

Register: 773-868-3010 or chicagoevents.com

Soldier Field 10 Mile

'Hood: Museum campus and lakefront

>> Fleet Feet's annual race ends on the 50-yard line inside the stadium, where a JumboTron screens your masterful finish to cheering family and friends.

When: 7:30 a.m. May 23

Where: Start on the east lawn of Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive

Cost: \$50 before May 18; \$65 May 18-22

Register: soldierfield10.com

CYCLING

Chicago Cycling Club's Annual Champagne Ride

'Hood: Lakefront and North Shore

>> The cycling enthusiasts' group kicks off its riding season with a leisurely 30-mile tour to the **Plaza del Lago shopping center** in Wilmette (1515 Sheridan Rd.) that ends with an alfresco bubbly toast.

When: 8:30 a.m. April 5

Where: Start at the Waveland Clock Tower, 3700 N. Lake Shore Drive

Cost: Free

Register: Not required; call 773-509-8093 for information

Bike the Drive

'Hood: Along Lake Shore Drive, from 57th Street to Bryn Mawr Avenue

>> This year's non-competitive 15- or 30-mile ride promises fewer potholes and a lot more eats at the post-ride party in Grant Park: all-you-can-eat pancakes.

When: 5:30 a.m. May 24

Where: Start at Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard in Grant Park

Cost: \$35-\$50. Get a \$4 discount through Feb. 22; \$2 off through April 5

Register: bikethedrive.org

Bobby's Bike Hike: Bike Obama Tour

'Hood: Hyde Park

>> A leisurely 16-mile ride through President Obama's former stomping grounds stops for food at one of his favorite neighborhood spots, **Valois** (1518 E. 53rd St.).

When: Tours start May 2

Where: Start at Bobby's Bike Hike Kiosk, 465 N. McClurg Ct.

Cost: \$35-\$45

Register: Not required; more info at bobbysbikehike.com



Bike the Drive
 TRIBUNE FILE

EXTREME

Chicago Polar Plunge

'Hood: Lincoln Park

>> Think you know cold? Test your endurance by jumping into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan, then warm up in a heated tent with drinks from a cash bar.

When: 9:30 a.m. March 1

Where: North Avenue Beach, 1600 N. Lake Shore Drive

Price: \$100 pledge minimum to benefit Special Olympics Chicago

Register: 312-527-3743, chicagopolarplunge.org

Climb Chicago

'Hood: West Loop

>> Give your gams a grueling workout with a 45-floor climb in one, two, three or all four of the towers during this benefit climb for the American Lung Association of Illinois-Greater Chicago.

When: 6:45 a.m. March 8

Where: Presidential Towers, 555 W. Madison St.

Price: \$100-\$125

Register: climbala.org

Bootcamp Fitness

'Hood: Lincoln Park

>> Classic calisthenics like sit-ups, push-ups and pull-ups highlight a 36-session, outdoor fitness class that meets three times a week. Talk about sweatin' to the oldies.

When: Sessions start monthly. Next up: March 9

Where: Cannon Drive between Fullerton and Diversey Parkways

Price: \$250

Register: chicagosocial.com



Piccolo Sogno
FILE FOR METROMIX

Metromix's top dining picks

A DARK NIGHT: ACADEMY AWARDS VIEWING PARTY
Be among the first to check out new South Loop Spanish spot Tapas Valencia, officially opening to the public Monday, at this Oscars soiree including tapas, prizes for best-dressed guests, a silent auction, cocktails, wine and beer. \$50-\$55. 5:30 p.m. Sunday. 1530 S. State St. 312-842-4444.

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK
Sweet dining deals abound during this annual weeklong celebration of eating in Chicago. More than 130 restaurants, including Piccolo Sogno, offer three-course, prix-fixe lunch (\$22) and dinner (\$32) menus. Check **metromix.com** for details and watch for our breakdown of options in RedEye on Thursday. Friday-Feb. 27. Full list of restaurants: **choosechicago.com/eatitup**

SMACKDOWN '09
Twenty local chefs and amateur cooks vie for the title "Macdaddy" at this mac 'n' cheese cookoff benefiting the Organic School Project, which promotes healthy eating in schools. Admission includes mac 'n' cheese samples, appetizers, beer, a MACtini created by Nacional 27 mixologist Adam Seger, desserts, hula hoopers and more. \$50-\$75. 7 p.m. Thursday. Goose Island Wrigleyville. 3535 N. Clark St. Tickets: **organicschoolproject.org**

ADOBO GRILL WICKER PARK
Wed.-Thu., Sun.: \$20 for three tacos, a margarita, churros and hot chocolate; 2005 W. Division St. 773-252-9990.

AI JAPANESE RESTAURANT
5-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$4 maki and appetizers in the lounge; Sun.: \$31.95 all-you-can-eat menu; 358 W. Ontario St. 312-335-9888.

BERGHOFF
3-5 p.m. Wed.-Thu.: \$1 corned beef sandwiches with drink purchase at the bar; 17 W. Adams St. 312-427-3170.

CAFE BA-BA-REEBA!
10 a.m. Sat.: Paella Cooking Class. Learn to prepare the Spanish dish during a culinary demo. Afterward, sample the creations with wine and sherry pairings. Includes recipes to take home. \$40; 2024 N. Halsted St. 773-935-5000.

CAFE SELMARIE
Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine with entree purchase; 4 p.m. Thu.: \$20 three-course dinner; 4729 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-989-5595.

EVE
11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat.: \$7 select entrees; 840 N. Wabash Ave. 312-266-3383.

JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE
Wed.: \$5 burgers with fries; 1258 W. Belmont Ave. 773-296-1300.

JOHN'S PLACE
Wed.: \$3 12-ounce beers, \$4 burgers; Thu.: Half-price bottles of wine; Fri.: Half-price Svedka cocktails, \$10 New York strip steak; 1200 W. Webster Ave. 773-525-6670.

KINZIE STREET CHOPHOUSE
Wed.-Sun.: \$20 three-course dinner; 4-6 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: \$2.95 and \$5 bar menus with drink purchase; 400 N. Wells St. 312-822-0191.

MAY STREET MARKET
Wed.-Sat.: \$32 three-course dinner; 5 p.m. Sun.: Pre-Oscar Reception and Fundraiser. A benefit for kids with disabilities includes appetizers, wine and a silent auction featuring autographed memorabilia, a Belize vacation, dinner for two and more. \$60-\$75. Tickets: **eventbrite.com**; 1132 W. Grand Ave. 312-421-5547.

MERLO RISTORANTE
Wed.-Sun.: \$27 theater dinner. Includes a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert; 2638 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-529-0747.

MIZU YAKITORI AND SUSHI LOUNGE
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Wine Company. Wine rep Henry Jensen discusses vintages and Japanese cuisine. \$15; 315 W. North Ave. 312-951-8880.

PARK 52
Wed.-Sun.: \$44 four-course dinner; 5201 S. Harper Ave. 773-241-5200.

SHAW'S CRAB HOUSE
4-6 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: Half-price oysters at the bar; 21 E. Hubbard St. 312-527-2722.

VONG'S THAI KITCHEN
Wed.-Sun.: Three-course family meal. \$13.95 (lunch), \$24.95 (dinner); 6 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-8664.

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Thu.: 25 percent off all wine, \$5 caipirinhas; Sat.: \$5 brunch entrees (11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.), \$8 bloody marys with Coronita back; Sun.: \$5 brunch entrees (11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.); 1307 S. Wabash Ave. 312-435-1307.



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\$5 Bacardi mojitos and
select martinis, trivia 8
p.m.; 724 W. Maxwell St.
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\$1 domestic bottles, \$5
select bombs, karaoke
9 p.m.; 950 W. Armitage
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\$2.50 Sam Adams
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price glasses of wine,
\$3.50 draft of the
month; 2432 N. Lincoln
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NIGHTCRAWLERS



We see London ...

Wild Pug (4810 N. Broadway 773-784-4811) nixed black-tie and business casual and instead encouraged a much barer dress code at its **Valentine's Day Underwear Party** on Feb. 14. The bartenders, DJ and a few other brave souls all stripped down to their skivvies for the occasion. Log on to **metromix.com** for more party pics.



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THE LUCKY LADY

\$3 domestic bottles, \$5 well drinks and SoCo Lime shots, half-price bottles of wine; 440 N. State St. 312-670-0335.

MAMBO GRILL

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MATISSE

\$4 chocolate martinis, half-price glasses and bottles of wine; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MICKEY'S TAVERN

\$2.50 Heineken and Beck's bottles; 2345 N. Leavitt St. 773-394-3037.

THE MOTEL BAR

\$4 Amstel Light and Heineken bottles, \$5 Stoli cocktails, \$6 half-pound burgers with fries; 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

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35 cent wings, \$3.50 Peroni drafts, \$6 wraps with fries or salad, \$14 Miller Lite buckets; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

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Half-price select bottles of wine, \$5 Three Olives grape and cherry bombs and Korbel champagne cocktails, \$9.95 pasta dinner (4-10 p.m.); 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

THE OTHER SIDE BAR

\$4 Jager bombs, \$10 draft pitchers, \$12 large unlimited-toppings pizzas; 2436 N. Clark St. 773-525-8238.

THE PONY

Half-price martinis and glasses of wine, half-price salads; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

THE RAIL BAR & GRILL

50 cent chili, \$1.50 burgers with fries, \$3 Sierra Nevada drafts, \$4 bombs; 4709 N. Damen Ave. 773-878-9400.

RED IVY

\$2 European drafts, \$3.50 Heineken and Amstel Light bottles, \$5 individual one-topping pizzas; 3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT

Half-price appetizers, Stoli cocktails and Stella drafts, \$5 Long Island iced teas; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

SALUD**TEQUILA LOUNGE**

Half-price appetizers, Fathom DJ spins soul and hip-hop; 1471 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-5577.

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\$5 quesadillas (after 3 p.m.), \$3 Miller and Coors Light bottles, \$5 martinis; 221 N. La Salle St. 312-739-3900.

SOPO

\$2 glasses of sangria, \$3 Miller Lite bottles, \$5 salads; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

T'S

Chef's choice specials, \$5 glasses of wine, \$7 double pints; 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000.

VILLAINS

\$2 PBR cans, \$4 Two Brothers bottles and drafts, 50 cent large wings; 649 S. Clark St. 312-356-9992.

WABASH TAP

\$5.50 reubens, \$15 Miller buckets; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

WESTEND BAR & GRILL

\$5 salads, \$5 glasses of wine; 1326 W. Madison St. 312-981-7100.

WITT'S

\$2.50 domestic bottles, \$5 bombs, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.); 2913 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-7032.

YAK-ZIES

\$2 Miller Lite and Bud Light pints, \$2.50 Miller High Life bottles, \$4 burgers, half-price wings (5 p.m.-midnight); 3710 N. Clark St. 773-525-9200.

Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week



The Publican
FILE FOR METROMIX

1 Just when we thought the melt-in-your-mouth **pork rinds** (\$5) at The Publican (837 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555) couldn't get any better, they went and made 'em spicy.

2 **Triple Chocolate Stout Cheesecake** (\$5.99) at Rock Bottom (1 W. Grand Ave. 312-755-9330). No elaboration needed.

3 While **"Art"** runs through June 7 in Steppenwolf's Upstairs Theatre (1650 N. Halsted St. 312-335-1650), we'd suggest getting there before March 13, when the always-excellent ensemble member K. Todd Freeman (playing the nervously quirky Yvan) leaves the production.

4 Monday at Uncommon Ground (3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680) is **\$4 tap night**, which is a great way to roll the dice with a new beer. We tried Dark Horse Brewing's seasonal Tres Blueberry Stout (normally \$7) and loved it.

5 Props to the **wine pros** at Sam's South Loop (50 E. Roosevelt Rd. 312-663-9463). When we came to them searching for a \$30 gift, they got us in under budget with Tikal Patriota (\$25.99), an Argentina red from sibling winemakers.

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\$5 All Bacardi Bombs

Friday

\$5 All Svedka Mixed Drinks

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Grand theft grapes

Company of Thieves promises not to steal anything worse than fruit

By Matt Pais

Breezy pop group Company of Thieves knows how it feels to perform for an audience of one, as they once did at a show in Kentucky. Now, thanks to their recent appearance on “Last Call with Carson Daly,” the band also knows how to perform for a crowd of about a million. Safe to say this Company is expanding.

Fronted by 21-year-old singer and Ukrainian Village resident Genevieve Schatz, Company of Thieves in 2007 independently released its debut, “Ordinary Riches,” a sweetly sexy collection of songs that glide on Schatz’s soothing voice.

Wind-Up Records is about to re-release the

record nationally, as the band embarks on a seven-week tour, their longest jaunt on the road by far. Schatz’s biggest concern: “Getting enough sleep.”

local focus

Company of Thieves

When: 8:30 p.m. Thursday
Where: Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Tickets: \$13-\$15, 773-489-3160



Company of Thieves' Marc Walloch, Genevieve Schatz and Mike Ortiz

You're a member of Company of Thieves. Have you ever stolen anything?

Grapes from the grocery store. You know, while I'm shopping with my little cart, just munching away. Does that count?

This isn't like a candy bar you swiped when you were 5 years old. This is a current habit!

No, this is not a habit! *[Laughs]* This has happened a few times. I feel so bad. I feel like I need to be giving you these big juicy stories.

No, that's pretty scandalous. A couple of grapes from the grocery store.

OK, actually, I just realized: I do have a habit of stealing candles on tables at restaurants if I've had a change-my-life conversation with someone.

Take a little, give a little. I hear you sometimes offer handmade treats for the crowd at live shows.

Yeah, that's very fun for us to share some good snacks with people. But I don't know if we'll be doing that on the road simply because it might be hard to be cooking when we're in a van trying to make it to our next city.

You must have an Easy Bake Oven you can bring.

[Laughs] I did have one when I was little, and since then have completely lost all cooking skills.

Fair enough. How do you describe the sound on “Ordinary Riches”?

It's kind of a mixed bag of nuts. It has influences from lots of different genres: jazz, blues, rock, folk. It has so many different elements to it. *[Guitarist Marc Walloch]* always jokes that you have your entire life to make your first record and it's so true. I think it was just us getting a lot of different feelings and things like that off of our chest.

In “Oscar Wilde” you sing about people being their own devils. Do you feel devilish when stealing grapes all over town?

[Laughs] Oh, my God. I'm on the No. 1 most wanted list of the city for that.

Forget Blagojevich. This is what matters.

This is what people need to be paying attention to! *[Laughs]* Oh, man, I wish I had something juicy.

Well, clearly that's why you're stealing the grapes. I'll take it you don't feel devilish.

No way, man! I don't feel any ounce of remorse for that at all. I think that's the way the grocery store's designed. You're supposed to go in there and get so hungry that you forgot what you're supposed to be buying, so I'll just eat along the way and then figure it out.

Carson Daly has lost so much weight he seems malnourished. Is he weirdly skinny in person?

He's a very thin man. But I think part of it is because he's extremely tall. Way over six-foot-three. The guy is a tall guy. And yeah, he's thinned out a bit. And has a nice little California glow to his skin. He didn't seem particularly unhealthy to me at all.

If there's anyone that needs an item from your Easy Bake Oven, it's him.

Yeah, he needs the one chocolate chip cookie that you can make in that thing.

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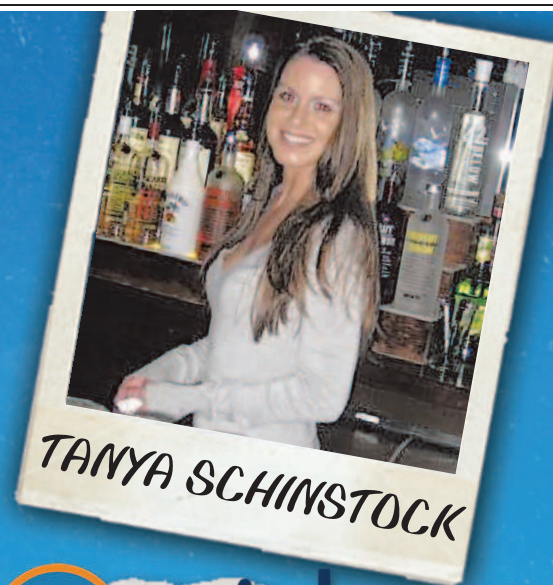
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On sale 10 a.m. Friday

Bajofondo, Alma de Tango, Wednesday, April 1 (\$18-\$20, 17+) at House of Blues.

Pennywise, Pepper, Thursday, May 21 (\$26.50, all ages) at House of Blues.

Daniel Tosh, Friday, April 24 (\$28.50-\$30, all ages) at Congress Theater.

On sale noon Friday

John Hammond, Friday, April 24 (\$20, 21+) at Schubas.

Will Hoge, Tuesday, April 14 (\$15-\$20, 18+) at Schubas.

On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

Gavin DeGraw, Honeyhoney, Wednesday, April 15 (\$25, all ages) at Park West.

Emmitt-Nershi Band, Friday, April 10 (\$20, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Her Space Holiday, Tuesday, May 26 (\$10-\$12, all ages) at Subterranean.

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Kinetix, Goodnight Nurse, Friday, April 24 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

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It's in the KISS

The Washington Post

OK, so: kissing. Here's what we know. It has major evolutionary advantage. Only the hottest and highest species do it. Yet among current humans, the future of kissing seems an open question. In our liberated era, have we become so quick to get past the kiss and further into sex that we have devalued the icons, wisdoms and traditions of the ancestors?

If so, this is a horrifying situation. It must be stopped. Kissers of the world, unite.

Although they may not know it, humans use kisses to assess potential mates, says Helen Fisher, the Rutgers anthropologist who is the author of "Why We Love: The Nature and Chemistry of Romantic Love."

"A kiss is a blast of information that you are sending out and information that you are receiving," she said. "... Much of the cortex is devoted to picking up sensations from around the lips, cheeks, tongue and nose. Out of 12 cranial nerves, five of them are picking up the data from around the mouth.

"It is built to pick up the most sensitive feelings—the most intricate tastes and smells and touch and temperature. And when you're kissing somebody, you can really hear them and see them and feel them. So kissing is not just kissing. It is a profound advertisement of who you are, what you want and what you can give."

According to Gordon Gallup, a kiss can help someone instinctually "assess health, reproductive status and genetic compatibility." Gallup, a professor of evolutionary psychology at the State University of New York at Albany, studies reproductive competition and the biology of interpersonal attraction.

"What happens during that first kiss can be a make-or-break proposition," he said.

For example, a woman can sense whether the man's immune system proteins are different from hers, thus increasing the odds

of healthy offspring. Kissing thus not only conveys serious evolutionary advantage. It can alter the outcome of Saturday night.

A survey of 1,041 college students led by SUNY Albany's Gallup found that 59 percent of men and 66 percent of women reported at least once finding someone attractive only to discover after the first kiss that they were no longer interested.

But if kissing is all that important, why has it lost its iconic status? Why, according to the giant Gallup survey, do 52.9 percent of men and 14.6 percent of women feel they can readily skip the smooch and dive right into the sack?

The memorable kisses of this century are mainly those that are remarkable for examining the edges. Think "Brokeback Mountain." Or Madonna and Britney Spears. Or in "Twilight," dancing with death—making out with a vampire.

Even popular music has made the meaning of kissing seem quaint beyond superfluous.

"Hip-hop is more likely to be talking about oral sex than talking about kissing," said Joe Levy, editor in chief of Blender magazine. This is not to say that kissing is history, he says.

"I'm not sure because we're talking about it less in pop lyrics, it happens less or is less important," he said. "What used to start with a kiss still starts with a kiss. You just hear exactly where it went after that."

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... when you're kissing somebody, you can really hear them and see them and feel them."

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author of "Why We Love: The Nature and Chemistry of Romantic Love"

Facts on kissing

» About two-thirds of all humans tilt their heads to the right when kissing. It does not matter whether they are left- or right-handed.

» Men think that kissing is an effective way to end a fight. Women say hooey. For once, the women are incorrect. "The evidence shows," says evolutionary psychology professor Gordon Gallup, that "kissing is so powerful for females that even though they deny it, once it occurs, they're so affected by a kiss ..." That they're helpless in its grip? "Yup."

» The science of kissing is known as philematology.

» More men than women describe a good kiss as one that involves tongue contact, saliva exchange and moaning.

» After a relationship is established, women are much more likely than men to use kissing to monitor the commitment.

» Kissing is not all moonlight and roses. It is implicated in the spread of mononucleosis and oral herpes. The connection to meningitis and gastric ulcers is more distant but exists.

» The hormonal and neurotransmitter cascade triggered by kissing includes adrenaline (which increases heart rate), endorphins (which produce euphoria), oxytocin (which helps development attachment), serotonin (which affects mood) and dopamine (which helps the brain process emotions). Your heart rate increases, your blood vessels dilate, your body receives more oxygen, and then all sorts of other parts of your body kick in. Your earlobes swell.

» When kissing, cortisol levels drop for both sexes, meaning that kissing does in fact reduce stress.

THE WASHINGTON POST

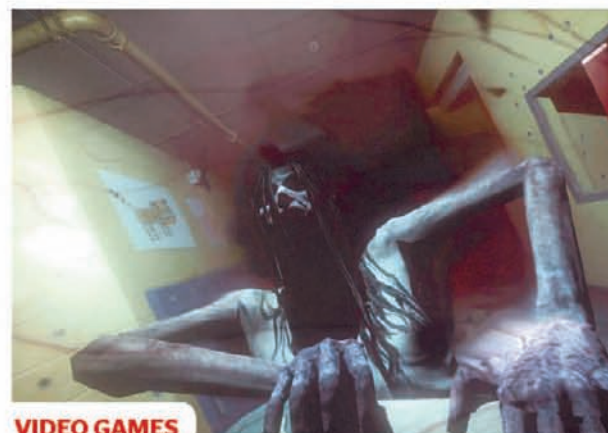
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What do you think of book clubs and booze? Have a favorite bottle for your group? Send an e-mail to ritaredeye@tribune.com and tell us about it. Please include your name, age and neighborhood.

Perfect pours for book club

Last week I received a frantic e-mail from a girlfriend wanting to know what wine she should serve to her book club group.

They were reading "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski and it was her turn to host the discussion, which meant she also was responsible for providing the drinks and snacks. My girlfriend was blunt about why she was stressing out.

"The only reason we're in this group is so we have an excuse to get together and drink, so the wine has to be good," she said. Hey, at least she was honest.

Aside from using wine as a fun social lubricant, you also can use it to evoke the tone and mood of a book by selecting a bottle that somehow matches its central theme, character or setting. Or you can serve a wine from the author's birthplace, pair it with the cuisine featured in the book or track down a bottle the characters were enjoying in the story. After all, wines come from all over the world, and wine labels feature everything from amoebas to zebras.

"The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" has a lot to do with dogs, so I recommended my girlfriend serve Chateau La Paws red wine from Rosenblum since the label has paw prints on it and part of the proceeds benefit a charity that provides training for service dogs. Talk about turning a vice into a virtue.

Here are some suggestions on how to pair wine with books by using a few of my favorite stories.

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"The Hummingbird's Daughter" by Luis Alberto Urrea

«2007 Tilla Malbec Syrah, Argentina, \$9»

The story takes place in Mexico where the characters feast on traditional mouth-watering dishes, which would go really well with this malbec-syrah blend from Argentina.



"Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck

«2007 Chalone Pinot Noir, Monterey County, \$16»

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"The Unaccustomed Earth" by Jhumpa Lahiri

«2007 Citra Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Italy, \$8»

This breathtaking collection of eight short stories takes place all over the world, but my favorite scene involves a romantic rendezvous between two characters in a quaint Italian village. I can picture them sitting at a local trattoria sipping a similar wine.

"The Hive" by Camilo Jose Cela Conde

2007 Monte Oton Garnacha, Spain, \$9»

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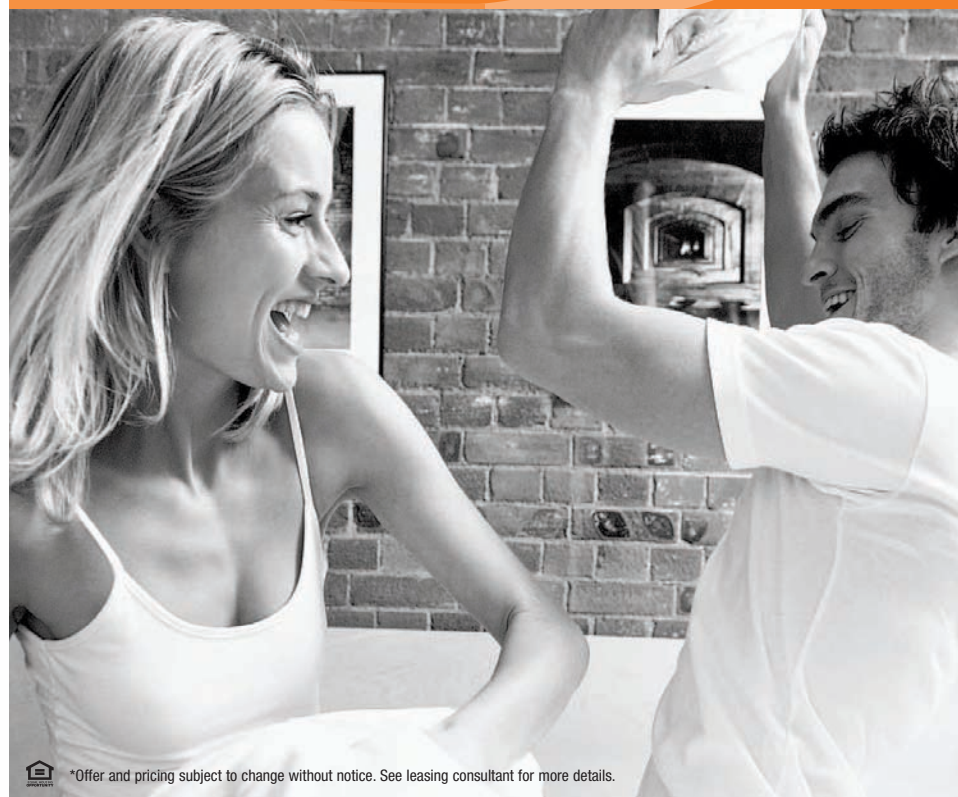
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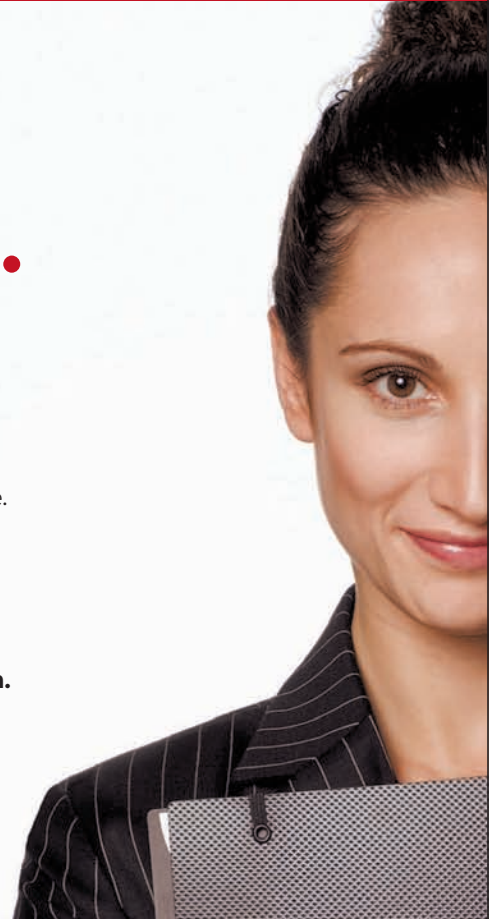
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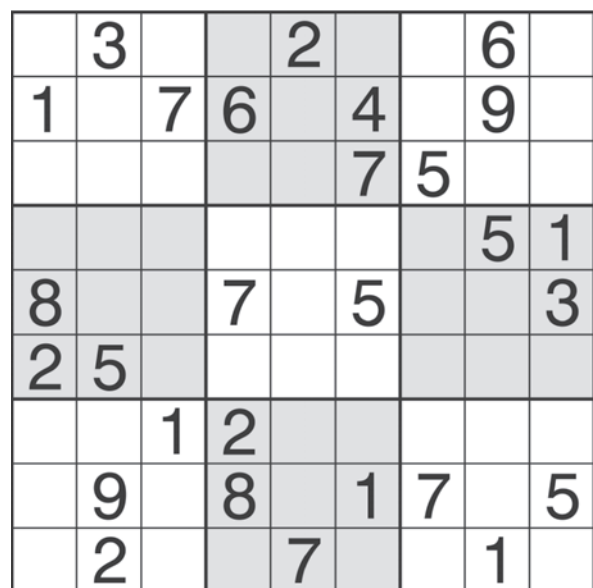
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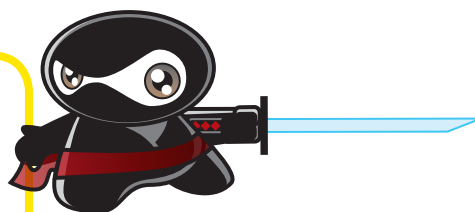
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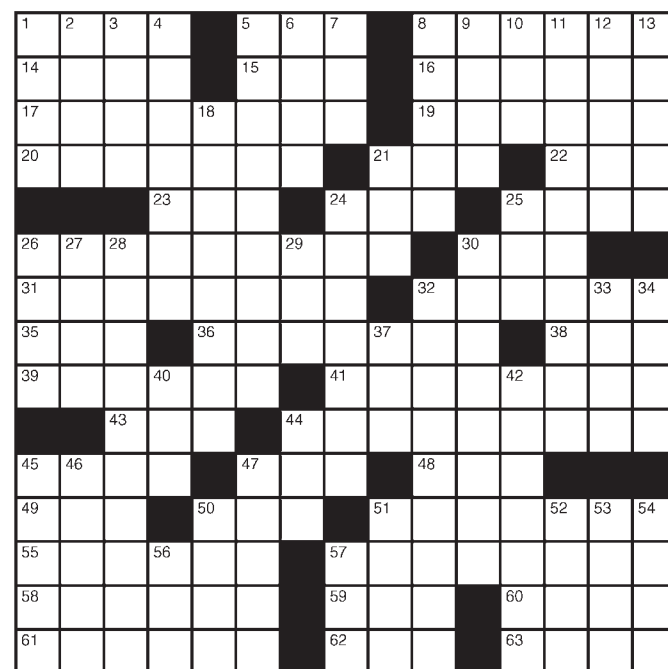
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- 14 Nearly hopeless
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- 19 Filled strip
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- 21 Certainly!
- 22 Crater edge
- 23 Hanoi holiday
- 24 Paraffin
- 25 Colleen
- 26 As it were
- 30 Disney dwarf
- 31 Become too hot
- 32 Baby's foot
- 35 Jacob's fifth son
- 36 Repair job
- 38 Mamie's mate
- 39 Los __, NM
- 41 Island of Ireland
- 43 Writer Hentoff
- 44 Plans again from scratch
- 45 __ de foie gras
- 47 Fizzler
- 48 Bribe
- 49 Kubrick's computer
- 50 Wrath
- 51 Superlatively tangy
- 55 You better!
- 57 Tyrant
- 58 Snooping
- 59 Wapiti
- 60 Immaculate
- 61 Beginnings
- 62 Help!
- 63 Web location

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- 2 Draw breath
- 3 "Dharma & __"
- 4 Turf ventilating device
- 5 Green soup base
- 6 Precinct



- 7 Heavyhearted
- 8 Purple dye source
- 9 Millstone
- 10 Canceled
- 11 Acting as a lens
- 12 Writer Peters
- 13 Parts of pipes
- 18 Red-light district
- 21 Flap gums
- 24 Observed
- 25 Old card game
- 26 Word with water

- or pop
- 27 Racetrack layout
- 28 Lacking lessees
- 29 Take in food
- 30 Infers from info
- 32 One-size-fits-all footwear
- 33 Coating
- 34 Some votes
- 37 Put out of the way
- 40 W.C.'s co-star, often
- 42 Foundation stones

- 44 Regret
- 45 Graph starter?
- 46 Slugger Henry
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Band aid

Some actors have the gift of music—others, not so much

Joaquin Phoenix isn't the only star trying his hand at music. (For now, we're taking the "Two Lovers" actor on his word that his recent, suspicious foray into rap is legit—too legit to quit?) Check out this abbreviated rundown of the good, the OK and the awful in the world of celebrity music-making. **MCT**

THE GOOD



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ZOOEY DESCHANEL

Teamed with acclaimed indie rock singer/songwriter M. Ward to create the band She & Him, Deschanel wowed the critics on the pair's debut album, "Volume One," in 2008.

THE OK



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JARED LETO

Leto originally moved to L.A. to pursue a music career and fell into acting as a means of paying the bills. In 1998, he returned to his first love with the formation of 30 Seconds to Mars.

THE AWFUL



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JADA PINKETT SMITH

As the frontwoman for the head-banging Wicked Wisdom, a metal band formed in 2002, Pinkett Smith has, improbably, opened for Britney Spears and appeared at Ozzfest.



KEVIN BACON

Bacon and his older brother, Michael, have been performing as folk-tinged, country-rock duo the Bacon Brothers since 1995, releasing five studio albums to date.



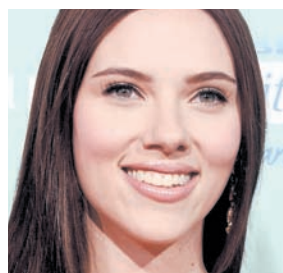
MINNIE DRIVER

The star of FX's "The Riches" and such films as "Good Will Hunting" and "Grosse Pointe Blank" went to the world of roadies and recording studios with 2004's "Everything I've Got in My Pocket," a critically acclaimed disc. Ryan Adams pitched in to help with her 2007 sophomore disc, "Seastories."



BAND FROM TV

Led by "Heroes" Greg Grunberg (above), this motley collective of TV actors includes Hugh Laurie, James Denton, Teri Hatcher, Adrian Pasdar and Bob Guiney, to name a few.



SCARLETT JOHANSSON

Johansson rankled a lot of hipster bloggers in 2008 by recording an album composed largely of Tom Waits covers titled "Anywhere I Lay My Head."



COREY FELDMAN

With help from Corey Feldman's Truth Movement (Feldman released a pair of solo albums in 1999 and 2002), the actor has made the world safe again for sub-par rock.



STEVEN SEAGAL

What sounds like an amusing "Saturday Night Live" skit is, in fact, reality. The star of such classics as "Under Siege" and "Hard to Kill" has been quietly building a music career as—get this—a blues guitarist.



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Milo Ventimiglia

Maybe it was the 12-year age difference. Or the prospect of combining two unpronounceable last names.

It's over for "Heroes" co-stars Hayden Panettiere, 19, and Milo Ventimiglia, 31, who secretly started dating in 2008,

usmagazine.com reports. The split is attributed to "a lifestyle conflict. They were in very different places," according to a source quoted in **Us**.

Incidentally, Panettiere was spotted snuggling with pop singer Jesse McCartney at Crown Bar in L.A. last week, according to **radaronline.com**.



Kardashian

Skinemax

Just in time for the Academy Awards, celebrity nudity Web site **mrskin.com** is, er, revealing its very own 2009 Anatomy Awards. Among the honorees: HBO's "True Blood" for best TV show, "House Bunny" actress Anna Faris for best butt and Kim Kardashian in the "Most Rumptastic Reality TV" category. See the complete list at **mrskin.com**.



Hayden Panettiere
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“I have, like, nuclear power, like a superhero, like Cyclops when he puts his glasses on.”

KANYE WEST (ABOVE)
in an interview with **Details** magazine on his musical ability.

If you seek Britney ...

You can find first-look info about her upcoming "If You Seek Amy" music video on **people.com**. The magazine's Web site is reporting that the video will feature some kind of "hot bedroom scene." On Tuesday, there was a picture of Spears in a director's chair—but nothing scandalous yet.

JT & JB in NYC

Spotted: Lovebirds Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel nesting in the Big Apple, **usmagazine.com** reported. According to JT's mom, he hearts New York. "The apartment is great. He's loving it!" Lynn Harless told **Us** of his Manhattan pad with Biel at his William Rast fashion show on Monday.



THE DIGIT

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